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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

ALGERIA.

Report from Algiers—Vaccination of immigrants ordered.

Under date of June 28 the governor-general decrees as follows:

In consideration of the existence of smallpox in an epidemic state in certain ports in relation with Algeria, until further order immigrants will be vaccinated or revaccinated on landing in Algeria, unless they can prove that they have been vaccinated or revaccinated as prescribed by the decree of May 27, 1907. The prefects of Algeria and the director of the sanitary maritime service are charged with the execution of this decree.

AUSTRALIA.

Recurrence of plague at Brisbane—Plague at Sydney—Examination of rodents for plague infection.

The following information is taken from bulletins forwarded by Consul-General Bray at Melbourne:

QUEENSLAND—*Brisbane*.—Week ended June 1, 1907. Two cases were reported as occurring in employees of a hotel on the premises of which 2 plague rats had previously been found. At Wynnum, a seaside resort 12 miles distant from Brisbane, a fatal case was reported. The patient had not recently been in the city of Brisbane, but had visited a general store at which rats were very numerous. Rodents destroyed during the week at Brisbane, 532; examined, 384; found infected, 2:

Week ended June 8, 1907. One case, 1 death. The patient resided at Wynnum, but was employed at the general post-office at Brisbane. A plague-infected rat was found on the office premises in April. Rodents destroyed during the week, 468; examined, 414; found infected, 1. Week ended June 15, 1907. Rodents destroyed, 1,307; examined, 941; found infected, 0.

This recurrence of plague in the metropolitan district of Brisbane occurred after an interval of 43 days. The total number of cases sine January 1 is 36; deaths, 16.

Ipswich.—On May 23 a case was reported on a farm in the vicinity. The patient had not visited Ipswich for 6 weeks, but the parents of the patient kept a fruit shop at Ipswich and purchased fruit from a Brisbane market. No infected rats were found on the farm or at the shop. The case was removed to Brisbane for treatment.

NEW SOUTH WALES—*Sydney*.—Week ended June 1, 1907. One death. Rodents destroyed, 1,748; examined, 495; found infected, 8, at 2 localities.

Week ended June 8, 1907. Rodents destroyed, 1,550; examined, 391; found infected, 10, at 3 localities.

Week ended June 15, 1907. Rodents destroyed, 1,730; examined, 469; found infected, 11.

BRAZIL.

Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Mortality—Plague, smallpox, and yellow fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, July 3:

Two weeks ended June 30, 1907. Vessels inspected and received bills of health:

On June 17 the Norwegian bark *Ophelia*, for Pensacola, in stone ballast, with no passengers, and with 5 new members of crew; on the 19th ultimo the British steamship *Uganda*, for Gulfport, Miss., in water ballast, with no passengers, and with no change in the personnel of the ship's crew; on the 20th ultimo the British steamship *Chaucer*, for New Orleans, with a cargo of coffee, no passengers, and with no change in the personnel of the vessel; on the 23d ultimo the Norwegian steamship *Hanseat*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, no passengers and no change in the personnel of the crew; on the 27th ultimo the British steamship *Border Knight*, for Baltimore, with a cargo of manganese ore, no passengers, and with no change in the personnel of the crew; on the 26th ultimo the British steamship *Soldier Knight*, for New Orleans, with a cargo of coffee, no change in the crew and with 1 steerage passenger; on the 27th ultimo the British steamship *Oriana*, for New York, with no change in the personnel, no passengers, and in water ballast; and on the 28th ultimo the British steamship *Titian*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, no change in the crew, and with 6 first cabin and 18 steerage passengers.

No other vessels left this port during the time under report requiring inspection.

Mortality in city of Rio de Janeiro.—Week ended June 23, 1907. Estimated population, 628,675. Total deaths, 237. Yellow fever caused 1 death, with 2 new reported cases, bubonic plague 1 death, 1 death, with 5 new cases reported, and variola 1 death, with 2 new cases reported.

At the end of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastião 1 case of yellow fever, 4 cases of variola, 1 case of bubonic plague, and 24 cases of suspicious illness under observation.

Week ended June 30, 1907. Total deaths, 216. Yellow fever caused 1 death, with 2 new reported cases; bubonic plague 1 death, with no new reported cases, and variola 1 death, with no new reported cases. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastião 1 case of yellow fever, 3 cases of variola under treatment, and 19 cases of suspicious illness under observation.

Week ended July 7, 1907. Vessels inspected and received bills of health:

On the 1st instant the British steamship *Saxon Prince*, for New York, with cargo of coffee, no passengers, and with no change in the